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ARTIFICIAL BAIT STRUCTURE))

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 24, 1999, a one month extension of time being hereby requested with fee attached, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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17. (Three Times Amended) An artificial bait structure, comprising:

a head having a forward end and a rearward end; and

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first and second legs extending rearwardly from the rearward end of the head, wherein each leg defines an inner edge and an outer edge and terminates at a rearward end, and wherein the inner edge of each leg includes a generally linear portion adjacent the rearward end of the leg, wherein the generally linear portions of the legs face each other, and wherein the inner edge of each leg further includes an outwardly curved smooth, continuous arcuate portion extending toward the outer edge of the leg forwardly of the linear portion [which], wherein the outwardly curved arcuate portions of the leg inner edges cooperate to define a void area between the legs rearwardly of the head, wherein